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Applicants: Yuji HATADA et al.

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Re: GENE ENCODING ALKALINE LIQUEFYING ALPHA-AMYLASE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 25, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 24, 2000, the due date for Response having been extended one (1) month to September 24, 2000 (Sunday), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. (Thrice Amended) A DNA molecule, have  $\alpha$ -amylase activity which encodes the amino acid sequence described in Sequence No. [1] 2 or a [functional] fragment thereof having  $\alpha$ -amylase activity.

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